



# G-5's "Eye on AMC"

## U.S. Army Materiel Command

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### Europe-based AMC unit deploys to Iraq

Army Materiel Command Field Support Brigade – Europe is on its way to Iraq, just two months after it was established to provide expeditionary logistics support to forces in the field.

"This deployment is exactly why the unit was formed on Nov. 18, 2004," said Col. Max Lobeto, brigade commander. "Ours is the first such brigade in Army Materiel Command and is designed to match up with the expeditionary Army."

Once on the ground, the brigade will exercise command and control over all AMC activities and personnel in Iraq. "We are being called forward because leadership wants to synchronize and focus the effort of the hard-working AMC people and activities supporting the mission and our Soldiers," said Lobeto.

The deploying contingent includes the commander and the brigade operations command post, comprised of both Soldiers and civilian employees. "Although many members of our command have deployed individually, this is the first time we are going as a unit," said Tommy Lane, the brigade's civilian deputy.

Plans call for AMC FSB-E to hold the reins until late this year.

### CEB-Qatar stands up tire assembly program

Combat Equipment Battalion-Qatar recently stood up a new tire and wheel assembly program to support theater requirements for fully assembled wheel assemblies.

This program is a new maintenance concept recently adopted by the Army called "two-level off-vehicle" maintenance for wheel assembly repair. The concept requires that all off-vehicle maintenance be performed at the Directorate of Logistics or National Maintenance Program level of repair rather than at the unit level. Thus, the battalion is now fulfilling this mission as a forward deployed NMP site.

The program consists of receiving unserviceable wheel assemblies from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office yard in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, conducting an initial inspection, disassembly, repair, reassembly, and return to Kuwait for stockage at the theater GS Class IX warehouse. Currently, the battalion is focusing its efforts on building assemblies for HMMWVs, HEMTTs, and HETs.

Since the program's inception Dec. 8, CEB-QA has assembled 800 HMMWV tires and shipped 630 in support of theater requirements.

### Security Assistance Directorate vital to Global War on Terror

One of the pillars of the government's national security rests in the hands of the U.S. Joint Munitions Command employees inside the Security Assistance Directorate.

As a response to help third-world countries and U.S. allies withstand the mounting economic and military pressures from the Soviet Union, Congress authorized the Foreign Military Sales Program, under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. The U.S. Army Security Assistance Command executes the ammunition and related products segment of the program through JMC's Security Assistance Directorate.

The FMS program reinforces America's national security strategy by providing material, services and training to allies and friendly countries. In addition, the program allows the unique opportunity for foreign countries to learn how to defend themselves, thus allowing more U.S. troops to concentrate on other missions or remain at home.

### Did you know...

Employees at the Umatilla Chemical Disposal Facility in Hermiston, Ore., recently achieved the safety milestone of two-million man hours (467 days) of continuous effort without an accident resulting in a missed day from work. This record was compiled over a 16-month period beginning Sept. 26, 2003, and highlights the dedication of the employees and subcontractors to ensure UMCDF is a safe workplace.